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June 24-Mercury Open Water Ski Tournament: See the best water ski teams in the country compete in the first ski show tournament of the season. Each team will present a one-hour show and be judged by a panel of experts in such areas as doubles, barefoot, ballet line and pyramids. Concessions, beer tent and vendor booths throughout the day. Free admission. Traxler Park - RAJ Stadium, 600 N. Main St. 608-757-3171, www.rockaquajays.com

July 1-Freedom Fest: Freedom Fest started as a "backyard BBQ" in 2002 and has developed into one of the largest community events in the area. Between 25,000 and 30,000 people attend each year, with its attractions, food, carnival rides, stage performances and an incredible fireworks display. There is no cost for admission, parking, rides, concert or fireworks. The festival now includes the Day of Compassion from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., with a free health clinic and educational seminars by Mercy Health. There is also a children's area with a petting zoo, face painting and balloon animals. Presented as a family-friendly, Christ-honoring, patriotic event. Free event. New Life Assembly of God, 2416 N. Wright Rd. 10 a.m.-10 p.m. 608-756-4175, www.freedomfestnewlife.com

July 3-Beloit Janesville Symphony Orchestra's Independence Day Concert: Courthouse Park, 51 S. Main St., at 6:30 p.m. The Marvin W. Roth Community Pavilion provides a covered stage area with amphitheater style seating for 300. Free concert. www.beloitjanesvillesymphony.org

July 4-Independence Day on the Rock: The Rock Aqua Jays Water Ski Show Team presents this annual festival on the Rock River celebrating our nation's independence. Enjoy an "anything that floats" competition, helicopter rides, bounce house plus other family fun events. Capped off with nearly half an hour of colorful fireworks. The show is free and open to the public (donations are welcome) with concessions available. Starts at 3 p.m. with fireworks at dusk. Traxler Park, 600 N. Main St. 608-757-3171, www.rockaquajays.com

July 15-Home Garden Tour: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., various locations in Janesville. Ticket booklets on sale at Rotary Botanical Gardens and K&W Greenery in Janesville. This event is an opportunity to explore unique and delightful area home gardens. 608-752-3885, www.rotarybotanicalgardens.org

July 22-Fast Feet for Families 5K run/2-mile walk: Rock County Health Care Center, 3530 N. Cty. Rd. F. This annual event offers a great opportunity to get out with your family and friends, enjoy the fresh air and exercise while still supporting two great causes in your community. Proceeds from this event support the Rock County Foster Care Program. www.fastfeetforfamilies.webs.com

July 25-30-Rock County 4-H Fair: The oldest 4-H fair in the United States. Midway rides, exhibits, demon-

strations, grandstand entertainment, great food and family fun. Includes Fair Royalty Coronation (Tuesday 7 p.m.) and the Fair Star Contest (Wednesday 7 p.m.). Main stage entertainment TBA every other evening. Rock County Fairgrounds, 1301 Craig Ave. 10 a.m.-11 p.m. 608-755-1470, www.rockcounty4Hfair.com

Aug. 6-Tallman Arts Festival: The Rock County Historical Society hosts this annual festival on the grounds of the historic Lincoln-Tallman House, 440 N. Jackson St. The festival is juried and draws artists from throughout the Midwest to display fine arts and studio crafts in a variety of media and styles. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 608-756-4509, www.rchs.us

Aug. 4-5-Relay for Life of Rock County: 5 p.m. to 7 a.m., Rock County Fairgrounds, 1301 Craig Ave. Fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. Teams and individuals gather to celebrate cancer survivors, remember loved ones who fought cancer but are no longer with us, and fight back against this terrible disease. Admission is free, but this is a fundraising event, so all proceeds from on-site fundraisers, food and beverage sales, and luminaria remembrance activities fund the American Cancer Society Relay For Life's mission to save lives and prevent cancer. 608-290-7196, main.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLCY17MW?pg=entry&fr_id=80150

Aug. 11-Walk a Mile in Her Shoes: Hundreds of men don high-heels and walk a grueling mile to end domestic violence. Fundraiser that also raises awareness, especially among men. Party and dinner reception to follow. Guests will enjoy silent and live auctions, dinner, cash bar, walker and team contests and awards. Pontiac Convention Center, 2809 N. Pontiac Dr. 608-752-5445, ext. 205

Aug. 19-Rotary Corn Roast & Mud Volleyball: 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Traxler Park, 600 N. Main St. Family-friendly festival with all the free sweet corn you can eat, a mud volleyball tournament, children's games, music and more. www.janesvillecvb.com

Aug. 20-Riverside Music Festival and Chicken Roast: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Riverside Park, North Pavilion, 2200 Parkside Dr. The all-day event will feature three main stage musical groups sponsored by the Friends of Riverside Park, a wine and beer tent, shuffleboard games and family fun activities. The Janesville Noon Lions will be offering a roasted chicken dinner from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. or until sold out. Rain or shine. 608-752-2676, www.janesvillecvb.com, www.janesvillenoonlions.org/chicken-roast/

Aug. 27 - Bert Blain Memorial Heart Walk: Rotary Botanical Gardens, 1455 Palmer Dr. Heart Walk is the American Heart Association's national campaign to get America moving. It is a non-competitive walk with one- or three-mile routes that celebrates those who have made lifestyle changes and encourages many more to take the pledge to live healthier lifestyles while raising the dollars needed to fund life-saving research and education, advocate for health and save lives. 855-229-4424, www2.heart.org/site/TR?fr_id=2468&pg=entry

Sept. 8-10-Art Infusion 2017: Event featuring a chalk art creation by a professional street artist and a competition for all ages. There is no fee to draw a chalk mural for fun. Those who wish to participate in the chalk art competition will need to register and pay a fee, which includes supplies. Members of the public are invited to view the creations on the river walk. A chalk art class will take place Friday at 5 p.m. at the Olde Towne Mall, 20 S. Main St. Artists are welcome to work from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday. Firehouse Park, 100 N. Main St. 608-757-3171, www.janesvillecvb.com

Sept. 9-10, 15-17-Parade of Homes: Visit new and remodeled homes and outdoor living spaces in the Rock County area for building and remodeling ideas. Watch the SCWBA website for parade home addresses and an online Parade book. Remodeled homes and outdoor living spaces are open Sept. 16-17 only. All Parade tour homes will have tickets available for purchase on-site. Friday, 2-7 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. 608-752-8075, scwba.com

Sept. 9-Rock River Valley Carvers of Wisconsin Show and Sale: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Rock County Fairgrounds, 1301 Craig Ave. Admission is free (donations accepted). Woodcarvers from the local club will be joined by others from throughout the area for an extensive display of many different types of wood carvings, as well as demonstrations. Vendors will have wood and tools available for purchase, and attendees can vote on their favorite carvings and enter the raffles. Food will be available. 608-868-4522, www.rockrivervalleycarvers.com

Sept. 23-Rock River Wine Walk: Taste different wines at your favorite downtown businesses. Tickets will be available in advance online. They will also be for sale the day of the event at the Venue, 36 S. Main St. Start your walk at the Venue to get your wristband, commemorative glass, and location map. Participating sipping locations will be announced. 1 to 5 p.m. 608-373-9727, www.thevenuejanesville.com

Oct. 7-South Wisconsin Car Show: Showcasing hundreds of vehicles from all over the Midwest. The event will include a live DJ, hundreds of dollars in giveaways, trophies for participants, and plenty of food. Rock County Fairgrounds, 1301 Craig Ave. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. 608-931-1159, www.theofficialwcec.com

Oct. 12-Chefs Cookin' for a Cause: Work your way through chef stations featuring unique and delicious appetizers, desserts and entrees from the area's top gourmet chefs. Enjoy a live auction featuring unique art, travel packages, valuable services and more. Try your luck with the silent auction and raffles. Proceeds benefit the YWCA. 5 p.m. 608-752-5445

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